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SUBJ: YOUNG/MEGUID CONSULTATIONS ON SECURITY COUNCIL

DEBATE ON SYG'S REPORT ON THE MIDDLE EAST

1. AMBASSADORS YOUNG AND MEGUID ALONG WITH AMB RAMPHUL (MAURITIUS) MET FOLLOWING SECURITY COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS MARCH 28 AT 7:30 PM. YOUNG OUTLINED OPTIONS WITH REGARD TO SC DEBATE ON SYG'S REPORT AS EITHER TERMINATION OF DEBATE WITHOUT FORMAL OUTCOME, OR ADJOURNMENT OF DEBATE UNTIL SOME LATER DATE. HE REPEATED HIS OBSERVATION AT SC CONSULTATIONS THAT POSSIBILITY OF REACHING A SIMPLE CONSENSUS STATEMENT APPEARS TO HAVE ELUDED COUNCIL. YOUNG ADDED THAT NON-ALIGNED DRAFT STATEMENT WITH REFERENCE TO "HOMELAND" FOR PALESTINIANS WOULD PROVOKE CONGRESSIONAL RESENTMENT AGAINST THE UN AND STIR DOMESTIC REACTION WHICH WOULD BE AGAINST EGYPT'S INTERESTS.

2. YOUNG REITERATED THAT US CAN NOT REPEAT NOT GO BEYOND A SIMPLE CONSENSUS STATEMENT. MEDUID REPLIED THAT EGYPT WOULD HAVE TO CONTINUE TO STAND BY THE NON-ALIGNED DRAFT; HE DID NOT HAVE INSTRUCTIONS OTHERWISE. YOUNG NOTED THAT THIS WAS NOT THE RIGHT TIME TO APPLY PRESSURE ON ISRAEL; SUCH PRESSURE COULD ADVERSELY INFLUENCE THE CONFIDENTIAL

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ISRAELI ELECTION PROCESS TO DIMINISH THE MANDATE OF THE NEXT ELECTED ISRAELI GOVERNMENT.

3. RAMPHUL RAISED THE QUESTION OF A MAJORITY STATEMENT TO WHICH YOUNG RESPONDED THAT THIS WOULD PLACE THE US IN A POSITION OF CALLING FOR A VOTE.

4. CONVERSATION CONCLUDED WITH MEGUID SAYING HE WOULD REPORT TO CAIRO ON ADJOURNMENT OPTIONS AND HOPE TO BE IN CONTACT WITH YOUNG BEFORE SC CONVENES ON MARCH 29 AT 3:00 PM.

5. COMMENT: CONVERSATION ENDED ON CONSTRUCTIVE NOTE WITH AMB YOUNG SUGGESTING THE POSSIBILITY OF HIS DELIVERING AS US PERM REP ENCOURAGING STATEMENT POINTING TOWARD POSITIVE ELEMENTS IN PEACE PROCESS AND PROSPECTS FOR GENEVA CONFERENCE. MEGUID ON HIS PART REFERRED TO ADJOURNMENT ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS BUT QUALIFIED BY NOTING HE WOULD SEEK INSTRUCTIONS IMMEDIATELY FROM CAIRO. EGYPTIANS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS CAN HAVE NO DOUBT AS TO US POSITION ON OPTIONS WITH REGARD TO OUTCOME OF DEBATE. WE HAVE MADE OUR POINTS AS PRESIDENT OF SC AND MORE IMPORTANTLY AS INDICATIVE OF CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WE ENJOY HERE WITH AMB MEGUID. MEGUID SEEMED DESIROUS OF BEING RESPONSIVE AND INDEED APPRECIATIVE. YOUNG

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